# MINUTES OF THE COURTROOM SECURITY AND FACILITIES MEETING OF AUGUST 28, 2020

#### **Call to Order**

The Courthouse Security and Facilities Committee was called to order on August 28, 2020 at 9:15 am by Judge Sciascia.

#### **Roll Call**

Members in attendance were: Judge Sciascia, Judge Snow, Steve Seim, Dustin Beck, James Mielke, Tom Nickel, Lynn Hron, Bob Barrington, Terra Mattheis, Shelby Brandsma, Peggy Novak, Russ Freber, Travis Bachofen, and Rick Storzer.

Others in attendance: Michael Neimon, DCA 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District.

## Public Comment (none)

## **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Novak to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2020 meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Storzer, Motion Carried.

## **Committee Reports**

Training was discussed. Social/riot incidents in other cities discussed and what employees should do in the event of an incident here. Training can report at the next meeting.

## **Update on Covid-19 Courthouse Procedures**

The jury trial process was explained to the committee. Jurors assemble in the Administration Bldg where jury selection takes place, then they go to the Branch 1 courtroom in the Justice Facility for the actual trial. Security measures for trials are discussed. The possibility of using the Juneau Community Center for jury selection is being considered and will be explored by Facilities.

### Camera upgrade around the courthouse

Replacement/addition of 15 new cameras discussed. The cost will be approximately \$60,000. The new cameras will have more capabilities than the current ones. They will attempt to work it into the Sheriff's budget.

### Ordinance restricting parking behind the courthouse

A parking ordinance is being considered to restrict parking in the courthouse lot. Discussion held regarding Barron County and the difficulty they had with media during a highly publicized court case. The issue of whether the ordinance would have a measurable affect and how the DA's Office could still use the lot for victims and confidential informants discussed. Securing the entrance to the lot was

reviewed. The Facilities Dept should get a proposal for the cost of installing a gate to secure the lot for Capital Improvement. The ordinance can move forward with Beck taking it to Corporation Counsel.

## Input from stakeholders/Don Grady video

Judge Sciascia discusses a video put together by Don Grady and the importance of having committee members bring up issues they have or issues they view within the courthouse and the importance of security interaction between members, the staff, and court security.

# **Incident Reports** (none)

#### Calendar

The next Security meetings will be held on October 2, 2020, both at 9:30 am. Employee training will be on January 13, 2021 and January 21, 2021.

## New Business (none)

# Things to do before the next Security Committee meeting

Facilities – check on the use of the Community Center for jury selection and a proposal for the cost of installing a gate for the parking lot.

## Determine next meeting date and time

The next meeting of the Courtroom Security and Facilities Committee will take place following the Judicial and Public Protection Committee meeting on October 2, 2020 at 9:30 am the Dodge County Administration Bldg, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Auditorium, 127 E Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

Motion to Adjourn by Nickel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Storzer. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 am

Lynn Hron, Secretary

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